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Half a million good friends of flowers subscribe to and pay for Parks Floral Magazine, and it is our wish that you receive every copy in good time each month.

Of course there have been times in the past when our mailings were delayed, but since early last Fall every number has been in the mail in good time to reach each subscriber, in even the farthest away states, rather early during the month.

Up to about four years ago, and for nearly fifty years, the names and addresses of subscribers were written in pen and ink, and the percentage of errors was naturally quite heavy. In the line of improvement we adopted the Wallace Stencil System, which employs a parchment stencil into which names and addresses are cut by means of needle-point type, on a typewriter machine. This was far in advance of the old hand-writers for the over reach because the printing and ing, for one reason because the printing would naturally be correct as long as the stencil lasted. But the little perforations became clogged with repeated use, resulting in imperfect printing of addresses, and for years publishers have been striving for a still more nearly perfect addressing method.

A few days ago we began the installation of the Pollard-Alling System, in which an aluminum stencil is used, on which expert operators, at the rate of about a thousand per day, emboss, by means of electrically run machines, the names and addresses of subscribers. It will take many months to complete the transfer of our entire subscription list to these metal stencils, but when that is accomplished an Automatic Mailing Machine will be employed, which will print the full name and address of each subscriber on the margin of her Magazine, at the rate of approximately 100,000 per day.

This costs a good many thousands of dollars, but it will reduce the mailing of Magazines to wrong addresses to a human minimum, and, we believe, will impress you with the sin-cerity of our endeavor to take prompt, ap-preciative care of every subscriber to Parks Floral Magazine.

From month to month, during this change, part of the list will be printed from the new stencils, but on the same sort of slips as at present, pasted to the Magazine, because, as already explained, the printing of the addresses directly on the Magazine cannot be done until the entire list has been transferred to the aluminum stencils.

We will take it as a favor if you will promptly notify us of any failure to receive your Magazine regularly each month, so that we can furnish back numbers and make any corrections in our list.

Always Use Same Name and Initials

This is especially necessary when notifying us of any change of address, because we have no means of knowing that each name with different initials may not be that of a new subscriber, and in due time numerous dupli-cates are included in our list, causing confusion to both subscribers and publishers.

When you move please send us, at the same time, both old and new addresses, so that we may promptly make the proper correction.

A SUGGESTION FROM OUR READERS

What Do You Think Of It?

Perhaps some of you still remember our "Special Letter No. 6." It brought quite a little comment from different parts of the country, and the suggestion most frequently offered was that we go back to the old Floral Magazine custom of printing each correspondent's address with her name, so that writers might correspond with one another through the mail. We discontinued giving the Post Office address several years ago be-cause quite a number of our contributors wrote asking us to request that no more let-ters be written to them, as they were receiving so many more than they could possibly answer. Naturally those who wrote expected answers, and a number who did not receive replies complained to the Editor that we should not permit so and so to write in our Magazine inviting correspondence when even two or three letters would not bring a single reply.

It is my wish to make the Magazine of the greatest possible service and interest to its subscribers, and when a point like this arises I feel that it is only right that I should ask for an expression of opinion.

Please write freely what you think about it.

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FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends: I see Portulaca is a little mixed on her Cactus. The Crab, or Christmas Cactus, has leaves that are blunt on the ends. The Lobster, or Thanksgiving Cactus, has the corners of the leaves run out Cactus, has the contents of the feaves thi out to a sharp point like a claw, and mine never blooms except at Thanksgiving, while the "Crab" will sometimes bloom all Winter. There is another cactus that looks like the "Crab" but blooms at Easter; I had it but lost it and wish I could get another.

Strawflower, New York.

Dear Floral Friends: I want to tell you how I have some green plants around the foundation, I planted evergreen English Ivy; foundation, I planted evergreen English Ivy; it clings to the foundation and spreads over the ground as far as I choose to let it and I have it trained up one corner of the house where it spreads over a small window. When it spreads more than I want it, I cut the sprays and use it in bouquets with bright flowers; it has beautifully shaped leaves showing the veins, staying green outdoors all Winter so one can always have some for festive occasions indoors, and to share with others who have none. Aegopodium is also very decorative, none. Aegopoium is also very decolative, planted near the Ivy, contrasting with it, and is a delicate green with white edge, but dies down the last of November. They are on the north side of the house. Mrs. Iliff, Kans.

Dear Floral Friends: When I was a girl, at home, twenty-five years ago, I was a reader of home, twenty-five years ago, I was a reader of the little Magazine, and just recently a stray copy fell into my hands, and the old love re-vived. My married life has been so full of toil, and trouble, and happiness that flowers were crowded out until this Summer, when I started in a small way. I bought a few plants and a great many have been given to me. My house is so very small I have to keep most of my flowers in the cellar. But I keep them My house is so very small I have to keep most of my flowers in the cellar. But I keep them in the light all I can, taking turns bringing them upstairs into the light, and above all giving them love and care. You have to love them just the same as you do your children if you want them to grow, and oh, I do love my flowers and my children, I am a

Child and Flower Lover, Ill.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I am sure every correspondent who stops to think a moment will understand that the Department of "Dear Floral Friends" is for the purpose of recounting, for the assistance and interest of others, our personal experience in the culture and care of Flowers, and that letters asking for "showers," donations and gifts of Plants and Seeds are entirely "out of order." I am sure hundreds of the silent ones have invaluable stories to tell to us if they would be brave enough to use the pen.

EXCHANGES

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MARCH REMINDERS

If seed has not been ordered it should be at once, for many kinds of seeds, especially of Annuals, may be started this month to advantage, indoors, and in hot beds.

Plants in the house or outdoors in frames or hot beds should have plenty of fresh air, but great care must be exercised so that they may not be injured by chilling draughts. Though ventilation is essential to healthy growth, harsh March winds should not be allowed to

blow directly on to the plants or seedlings.

If one has had forethought to provide soil house plants that have become root-bound may be re-potted. This timely shifting will allow for growth during the Summer and will tend to have the plant in good condition for Winter bloom. When re-potting select a pot the next size larger, provide adequately for drainage, and firm the soil about the plants.

Pruning begun last month should now be finished and next trees and horsely shruke may

finished, and new trees and hardy shrubs may be planted if the soil is in condition. Transplanted trees need to be cut back. Perennials may be divided and reset, and the lawn seeded down, rolled and fertilized. Part of the protective covering on Bulbs and Perennials may be lightened.

Carnations, previously started, may be potted and moved to a cool, light place. When the plants have attained a height of about five inches the principle shoots may be nipped off so as to encougrage branching. Pot Cyclamen seedlings that were sown in the Fall; propagate Chrysanthemums and look after Bulbs and Plants that are being forced for Easter bloom.

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Gladiolus; The Wonderful Flower By C. M. COLLIER-YOUNG

F ALL the garden flowers, Gladioli probably attracts our attention most, with their towering spikes and wonder-

ful colors. They deck with grandeur the homes of the rich, in resplen-dent hues with divers combinations and magnificent arrangements, and grace the confines of many a modest garden, tucked away in a sunny corner, sur-rounded, per-haps, by rows of various vegetables, planted by some young schoolboy, or girl, who, instead of playing on the streets, is enjoying himself in a far better way, possibly trying to help a mother who has to bear the whole bur-den of his upbringing, or, a father who has lost his helpmate and struggles to keep his child-ren under the same roof.

They form a bower and fill with beauty the home of a coming bride, and are a source of inspiration to her honored guests.

Arranged by artistic hands, from royal purple to the most delicate shades, they carpet in solemn dignity the last resting place of our loved ones.

The glorious colors of the flowers, and their various

hues and shadings, remind one of the indescribable beauty of the early morning sky, or the wonders of the setting sun; the bright summer noon or the snowflakes on a winter's

day. Prince of Wales, or Soliel d'Or, both remind one of a cloudless summer morning just before sunrise, a beautiful, clear, translucent light tinged with a glint of pink, rayed so fine-

ly and evenly that ere you are aware changes to a brighter hue.

After dusk has fallen, white, fleecy clouds floating overhead remind one of tall, stately "Peace", specks of bluish color intermingling far behind the white.

Among the more recent Gladiolus introrecent ductions we have Albania, glistening white crimped dainty as tissue when paper viewed through the rays of an electric light, yet sturdy and a good keeper. Pink Wonder, and Mrs. Dr. Norton, resembling some beautiful, aristocratic debutante step-ping into a world of mystery and wonder.Dr. Van Fleet, emphasizing the life of one who created marvelous roses, and originated our first amaryllis flowered Gladiolus.

Prince of India rather reminds one of a swart chieftain in the Highlands of Scotland, emerging from a glen o'er shadowed by crags and softened by the radiant sunshine, or, the numberless col-



GLADIOLUS "PEACE;" ONE OF THE LOVELIEST

ors woven in a Paisley shawl.

Alma Gluck, prim and dainty, brightens many a somber place with glowing color and iridescent beauty.

Being Hostess to the Flowers

ELSIE M. HUBACHEK

Let us remember next Summer that with little expense and a minimum of work we can save a few of Summer's flowers for the wintertime, when their fragrance and their brilliance will add a cozy charm to any living room. But, taking in plants from out of doors should not be delayed until cool nights suggest the coming of blighting frosts. Early in September



REX BEGONIA

plants should be taken out of the ground, potted, and for a few days placed in a sheltered corner protected from the sun and wind. Plants need a gradual change from the open air to the dryer, heated atmosphere of the house. A few days outdoors in pots, next, at least a week in an unheated room where the windows can be opened on mild days, and then they can safely be put in a warm room.

Plants that have been in the open ground should be cut back at the roots and equally at the branch system. Cutting down the stems seems needless, but it is really very essential if one would have sturdy, healthy plants for the entire winter. Old pots should be washed clean inside and out and new ones soaked until the pores are filled. Each pot should have a piece of a broken vessel in the bottom over the hole, for drainage.

Plants that have become root bound need larger pots. It is simple enough to find out the condition of the roots—hold the plant in the left hand, by its stem and close to the earth, then tip the pot upside down and tap it at the bottom; if the plant does not come out easily moisten the earth. Balls of tangled roots and matted roots close to the sides of the pot show the need of more room to spread.

The most dependable of all plants for indoor culture is the Geranium, and the best slips are those taken from plants that have not recently blossomed. They can be rooted in water, or wet sand, and, then in the Fall, potted for indoor growth. The Ivy Geranium, the Martha Washington, the cut leaved and the ordinary red, pink and white varieties will add brilliant

notes of color to the indoor garden. Coleus, with their flaming foliage, are satisfactory plants to grow in the house. Begonias, especially the popular, large leaved Rex, and the smaller, everblooming Wax Plant, grow lux-uriantly. A Heliotrope lends fragrance as well as beauty, while the Crab Cactus, and the Rat-tail Cactus, bear masses of blossoms for months at a time after the plants are a few years old. An old-fashioned Patience is charming, as is, too, a Star of Bethlehem, which can trail gracefully from a hanging basket. A pink or white Oxalis, a Cyclamen or two, a slow growing Calla Lilyland some Ferns of fragile beauty will make a window garden a joy during the winter months.

For some reason plants like a little morning sunshine better than the afternoon sun, therefore, an east window is best for a window garden. A strongly braced shelf, even with the middle of the sash, another even with the sill, and a table behind the latter, will give space for a considerable number of potted plants. It is a satisfaction to have galvanized tin trays to fit the shelves and tables, in order to save the trouble of using individual plant saucers, and to avoid ruinous dripping. These trays any tinsmith can make at small cost. They should exactly fit the shelves and table and have a turned up edge, all the way around, at least half an inch high.

The matter of watering plants is an important one. Too much water cakes mud around the roots, keeping out the air, while too little withers them. It is best to keep the earth moist, not wet, and to loosen it occasionally to keep it from drying below the surface.

Plants should be protected from the dust on sweeping days by being well covered, and occasionally the leaves should be washed. Plants breathe through their leaves and, therefore, the pores should not be allowed to get clogged,



COLEUS BECOME GRAND, TALL PLANTS IN POTS

Downy leaved plants should be put in the bath tub, or sink, and sprinkled freely with tepid water through a fine rosed sprinkler.

Now and then house plants need a fertilizer; a simple and effective one is made of one small teacupful Peruvian bark dissolved in a pailful of rain water. Use it once or twice a week. Equally effective is one-fourth ounce (two teaspoonfuls) Hartshorn's ammonia stirred into one gallon of rain water and used in the same

Bottom heat, which gardeners recognize as essential to healthy growth must sometimes be supplied to house plants because the room atmosphere reverses that of out of doors, giv-ing heat above and chill below. To remedy this it is well to fill the saucers of sickly plants with hot water occesionally, that the waters with hot water occasionally, that the warmth can reach the roots and fibres. Another method is to put the plants on the mantel over the kitchen range for a few days. In that position they will need more water.

At the first sign of scale remove it with a soft brush, or with thumb and finger. Plant lice can often be exterminated by sprinkling



A GERANIUM IS ALWAYS CHEERY

plants with tobacco water, and, afterwards, clear water to prevent burning the leaves Sometimes, however, a winter in the cellar is the only way to completely free a plant of lice or scale. The plant should be kept in a dark corner of the cellar and occalimally watered to keep it from drying out.

A last hint is this . . . do not crowd too many plants into one window, and do not try, at least at first, to raise difficult varieties. A few healthy plants are more effective than a large number of scraggly ones, and the common gar-den varieties will give more satisfaction to the inexperienced gardener than much heralded,

hothouse specialties.

NARCISSUS ALBA PLENA **ODORATA**

In the October number there is an article on the Narcissus, in which the writer com-plains of the difficulty in getting Alba Plena Odorata to bloom. I have also heard others complain about it. Now I have grown it for years, in dry, gravelly soil, outside near all my other narcissus and tulips. Never as yet my other narcissus and tunps. Never as yet have they failed to open well, and bloom freely, usually in bloom for Decoration Day, and I sold dozens of the blooms last year with some of the latest tulps. I have given some of the bulbs to friends and none have complained of them not blooming, so perhaps mine are of a different strain. If the writer of the article would like to try

a few of mine, I am willing to exchange some of the bulbs with her next Fall if she will write to me, and tell me so.

Elizabeth Esch, Idaho.

A FEW GOOD FLORAL SUGGESTIONS

Few folks know Geraniums and foliage plants can both be easily grown from seed. Start the Geraniums in March, in boxes, pans, or the flats your tomato plants came in last year. Plant each seed separately, in holes made with a match, about one fourth inch deep and one inch a part, and cover box with paper as closely as you dare and not cause mold. Nearly every seed will germinate. As soon as plants are up they must be set in strong sunshine or they will damp off.

Foliage plants, called Coleus in catalogues:

just buy a packet of mixed seed and sow indoors, or out, and you will have a great variety of plants.

Unique Fern Dish At a department store I bought a very large japanned tray for 25c., and a small market basket for 10c.; painted basket green and filled it with a mixture of half leaf-mold, onefourth sand and one-fourth loam. In it I planted four small Boston Ferns (later I removed two), one Maiden Hair and one Lace Fern; kept them well watered and in a few

months it was wonderful. Year Round Use of Window Boxes

Do you hate to lift your Geraniums and other house plants from bed and porch boxes in the Fall, because you know you will blight buds and cause foliage to drop? If so, try my plan and escape these annoyances. It is simply to set out, in your porch or window boxes, whatever plants are your favorite Winter bloomers, or those which do best in your windows. For the south windows, and incidentally the hottest place on porch railing, use very small Geraniums, easily grown from seed or listed in catalogues at about 15 cents, and foliage plants, best grown from seed, and for trailing vines select Portulacca and Wandering Jew.

In the boxes destined for the east or north windows, put your Begonias and Wax plants,

and set on shady side of veranda.

In the Fall all that is necessary is to remove boxes entire to their respective windows, rather earlier than you would lift them, so that they may have the benefit of open windows until they become used to indoor living.

My boxes were made three years ago by a boy of the family, and are all right yet. Make them eight inches deep and two and one-half feet long, and eight or ten inches wide. Angle irons from the ten cent store will keep corners from pulling apart. I painted my boxes and brackets dull green. The brackets were made by a local blacksmith, of old tire steel, the short arm ten inches long and the long arm reaching from floor to level of window ledge, and will hold any weight.

Any annuals you please may be planted in these boxes during Summer and cut off in Fall, or you may set pots of other plants between the permenent ones until these grow larger. Winter flowering bulbs are often tucked in amongst the other plants, near some-thing I do not care for much, and when the bulb grows the plant is cut off. Sometimes

Watering will need to be done only twice a week, and then carefully, so as not to drip onto floor. Also, being several inches from window panes, it is easy to slip a newspaper between them and the glass on cold nights.

Mrs. E. E. Thompson, Conn.

AN ANSWER TO PENTSTEMON

Dear Pentstemon: I enjoyed your letter in the January Parks Floral Magazine very much, in fact I like all of the letters, and think that this means of touch, between flower lovers, which the Editor of Parks Floral has opened to us, is a great treat and help to us all.

I, for one, have only been a reader of the Magazine for two years, and nearly one whole year of that I have been too ill with a breakdown, to enjoy flowers even at all—and yet I have gained a great deal of valuable information from this little Magazine. I amonly just beginning to take an interest in my flowers

again.

I was very much interested in the idea of



your scented foliage border, and would suggest that you use, for color in it, the plant which, in Virginian old-fashioned gardens, we call the C olog n Plant, because its

MONARDA DIDYMA leaves smell like fresh Eau de Cologne; I mean Monarda, a type of Bergamot. The two prettiest varieties are the Didyma, Cambridge Scarlet, and the Violacia, bright Amaranth Red. Another variety is the old-fashioned Bee Balm, or Rosea, because it attracts bees so, this is pink, but the blossoms are nothing like as showy and handsome as those of the two reds. There is also a white one—the Fistulosa—the wild Bergamot, but this is very feeble in bloom. Do try the two reds.

There is also another, or two, sweet foliage things that I have that would be very effective in your herb border; really there are four, all grey. The first is especially effective, it grows like the Sweet Fern, Lad's Love, in height and shape, though the leaves are very fine-cut. It is the Summer Savory, and is not only sweet to smell, but makes a good seasoning. Even when in seed it is feathery and lovely, both

growing and with cut-flowers.

The second is a tall plant I use at the back. It is a variety of mint, at least three to four feet tall. It has the loveliest grey, velvety leaves, and groups of fine lavender blossoms at intervals down the stem, between groups of leaves. I bought it from an old negro; she said it was wild. I do not know its name, but perhaps some of our floral friends can tell me?

A third is Old Man, tall, ferny leaved, feathery plant, on a woody stem. It also is grey. And the fourth is Old Woman, the same foliage, only it grows very low, and makes a pretty edging to a border. These are the Artemisia—the variety Abrotanum, or Old Man, is your "Southern-wood" you mention. The other is the Stelleriana variety, Old Woman.

I think it is so interesting to know true names for the different plants. Don't you?

There is a third of this Artemisia family, though I haven't it; it is very pretty, tall; has handsome, dark green leaves and a feathery, white bloom, creamy, that comes in August

and September; it is called Lactiflora, or Hawthorn scented mugwort.

I feel sure you would like the Monarda; I have a nice clump of the Cambridge Scarlet. I dearly love the sweet smelling herbs.

Sometime I would like very much to tell the Floral Friends about my own little 24 by 34 foot garden. It is a city back yard, but it drew a ten dollar prize on its second birthday, for bloom and intelligent planting. It is mostly a friendship garden, for so many of the plants came throug friends or exchange, and although it is only three years old this



last June, and I have been sick a whole year, I have helped four or five friends to start gardens from it already, and cut flowers by the hundreds from March until the following December. Phlox, the hardy kind, is one of my standbys, and Iris and Roses.

I would like to tell Floral Friends how I succeed so well with Rose and

other slips.

In August I want to pass on to you, too, a tried and splendid recipe for I r is Rot, or Grub, and also for

SUMMER SAVORY Rot, or Grub, and also for the worm that attacks the hardy Larkspur, or Delphiniums. These "cures" I have tried with the utmost success.

I have never tried Pentstemon; I think the only specimens I have seen are truly lovely; one was a rose color, deep, and was speckled black. It reminded me of an old English cambric print.

This is enough now. Please tell us something more of your garden, and, thank you.

The Rose Lover, Va.

Dear Floral Friends: I am a very busy person not having the time I would like to be among my flowers. I had as a pot-plant a nice bulb of Ismene Calathenia, which was very thrifty, with Amaryallis-like foliage. I had not even noticed the bud growing, but one morning the air was filled with the most pleasing perfume, sweeter than ever could be manufactured, and on investigation I saw my Ismene was in blossom, only one flower but it was beautiful, white in color, the outside petals longer than the crimped cup center. It lasted for days, and with regret—I watched it fade. It was well worth the care I had given it. Have I not read that the Ismene is called Sea Daffodil, because it grows wild in some warm country by the sea? Can some one tell about it?

Dear Floral Friends: Your poems and letters interest me, whether you write of a flower or a tree. I always dream of gardens beautiful while I keep house in manner dutiful. Then out I go rushing to pull up weeds, or keep a stray chicken from scratching seeds!

Shady, sectuded retreats I plan;
For a seat a bench, for the birds a pan.
My benches are all home-made, not bought,
A sort of a woodland effect I've sought,
Perfection has not yet come my way,
But I'm always hoping it will some day.
I love the flowers, they are all my friends,
And will be, I hope, till Life's journey ends.

Sibyl Thurston Snyder, Indiana.

NOTES FROM MY GARDEN

Desmodium Penduliflorum is a very beautitul shrub, which dies to the ground each Autumn and comes up with renewed vigor each Spring. I set mine in the wrong place, not knowing its habits. Its branches are five to six feet long, sweeping outward in a circle and bending downwards to the ground when in



ANCHUSA ITALICA

full bloom, therefore it should have a place by itself, on the lawn, where it will soon spread over a circle at least eight or nine feet across. It will bloom for nearly a month, in early fall, and is a wonderful sight. Mine has purplish, crimson blossoms but I have somewhere read that there is also a white one which is still handsomer.

My Delphiniums are six feet tall and take care of themselves after once getting establish-The light blue is my favorite, though I find most people exclaiming enthusiastically over the dark ones. Another season I mean to

add some red ones to my collection.

Just one lone plant of Anchusa Italica survived the hard winter of '22-'23, and though it bloomed profusely and grew over three feet tall yet it refused to mature even one seed. Its blue blossoms are such an enchanting shade that I must start another row in the Spring. A few sprays mingled with a bouquet of any white flower show a vivid contrast that is often

beautiful beyond words.

Another odd plant which I keep for old time's sake is known as Chives, and belongs to the onion family. The leaves are cylindrical and as fine as the finest grass. The blossoms somewhat resemble those of Thrift and are rather pretty, but my grandmother grew it for its use in her culinary operations. When pre-paring any kind of hash she would arm herself with shears, grasp a handful of Chives, cutting it off near the roots. This cluster she would snip into small fragments, adding it to her spider of hash, giving it just the slight flavor of onions to tempt the palate. It will soon sprout up again and it makes a very good border plant der plant.

Another much admired plant is Lupinus Polyphyllus. Years ago I bought seeds of the Roseus variety and for a year or two the blossoms were all pink. Soon blue ones began to creep in, then white, and later, when I abandoned the original garden for one nearer the house, I left the Lupines to have their own way, until now I have a bed at least twenty feet across, with every mixture possible of pink, blue, white and indigo. I even have some with blue outside and white middles: also some with pink centers. Last spring people in autos stopped nearly every day, and sometimes many times a day, to see them, and I sold great armfuls of the long spikes for fifty cents an armful. The fame of them spread abroad until I received quite a little income from this bed alone. Friends wondered at my giving so many for so little money, but they cost me nothing except the few minutes needed to cut them, so why not make as many ed to cut them, so why not make as many people happy as possible?

Can some one tell me why I cannot grow the Hunnemannia, or Bush Eschscholtzia? Year after year I have bought seeds and though a few come up, they die when an inch or two high. One year I succeeded in coaxing a solitary plant to grow until about six inches tall, and it really bloomed. I think it had two feeble blossoms about an inch across, but they looked very little like the handsome flowers described in catalogues, and the exertion of sending out those two little blossoms proved too much for the plant which died soon afterwards My soil is loam, with clay subsoil, and this is a limestone district. Might not the lime have something to do with my repeated failures? It cannot be lack of care on my part, for I have raised Calceolarias, Cyclamen, Primulas, etc., all of which require much care and patience.

By the way, a good many of us would like to have the index of the catalogues renew an old Lapark custom and give the approximate period of germination for each kind of seeds. In helps wonderfully when planting seeds in boxes, in March, to know when to begin looking



LUPINUS POLYPHYLLUS

for the tiny seedlings. It also helps about planting in the same flats seeds which germin-

ate at about the same time.

One more plant and then I have done. Several years ago I sent for a package of Hardy Primula, which I planted in boxes and then transplanted into the garden. It was one of the most satisfactory purchases I ever made, for there were many different kinds and colors

(Continued on page 89)

Spring Work Among the Flowers in Texas

BY FLORENCE HARTMAN TOWNSEND

T 18 ONE of those magnificent spring days when one simply must be ont of doors among the young green things, and as there is plenty of work to be done among them, I sally forth, armed with a formidable array of objects. There is an oyster can containing kerosene oil, for the green aphis are making their annual attack upon the soft, or the Boses, but they soon most green shoots of the Roses, but they soon meet



HARDY GARDEN ROSES

death when stripped off into the can of oil. This, I will admit, is not a pleasant task, but it is most effective. Of course some will es-cape, and for these I use a good insecticide which is generally dusted on the plants while still wet with dew. The same method is used with the pernicious black insect that attacks the Chrysanthemums. The black beetles are really more difficult to exterminate than the aphis, and the operation has to be repeated several times to rid the plants of the pests.

Much rain has caused mildew to appear on some of the Roses and sulphur is dusted on these while still wet with dew. Mildew is recognized by a white film appearing, usually on the upper side of the leaves, and causing

the leaf to curl.

A few Roses in my collection are grafted and have a tendency to grow from the wild root. Where these wild shoots appear, I dig the soil away and expose the roots and tear away the shoots. This is a more permanent

remedy than cutting them off

While working among the Roses I take time to thoroughly work into the soil the stable manure that was thrown upon the beds in February, and which rains had prevented my doing before. Roses require much cultivation, and amply repay for every thrust of fork and spade. They have, of course, been properly pruned in late February, and all the unproductive, wiry growth removed.

A visit to the Verbena bed shows that the spring rains have washed most of the soil from the runners, and, as there is always a steady demand from neighbors and friends for rooted cuttings of the rich scarlet and white, and for the good of the plants as well, I carefully cover all exposed runners with good loam, and in a few days innumerable roots will have formed on these recumbent stems and I will be ready to divide with any who ask, or to make new settings of my

Hardy Chrysanthemums bear dividing every year, if one cares to do so. Nearly all of mine are yellow and make a wonderful show in the fall. I still have several vacant places in my "golden border", and so from the largest clumps I take a few sprigs for these places. By blooming time each tiny

sprig will have grown several stalks.

My Orange Lilies (Hemerocallis) have multiplied until they will bear dividing, and my "golden border" is verily "crying" for them. The change is quickly made, and I turn to the Poppy bed. These were planted late last summer and many came up in the fall and weathered the vicisitudes of winter; others came very early in the spring and now they are running up to make stems and are badly in need of thinning, if one is to expect abundant blooms. The Larkspurs are up so thick from self-sown seed that I plunge into them quite ruthlessly, pulling up by handfuls and throwing them away. They are everywhere and there is no need

to economize with them.

And now I encounter a real problem: how am I to rid myself of so many Four O'Clocks? This is an everpresent question from spring to fall. The young seedlings are easily uprooted, though there are thousands of them, and it will take much more time than I enjoy giving them. But this is not the worst; there are the old roots of several years, many of them, as large as my arm and so deep! It is impossible to dig them up so I resort to kerosene. I cut them off even with the ground

and slowly pour the oil on the wound, being careful not to waste it on the soil-and we shall see! perhaps they are not such a problem after all!

The old Iris bed has become overrun with Bermuda Grass to such an extent that the plants are dying of starvation, and have scarcely bloomed for



VERBENA

two seasons. All that remain are dug and transplanted to the new beds, where last fall about sixty new Iris, in ten varieties, were planted. The Bermuda Grass I leave for a stronger arm than mine. After its removal the bed will be left empty until fall, so that every sprig of grass that is hiding will have time to sprout, be discovered and removed, then new soil and stable manure will be added and the bed will again be ready for planting.

The day is now half gone, but my appetite for the outdoors is by no means appeased. After lunch I get out the car and take a journey to the country lanes and meadows for a



collection plants to add to my small assortment. I have a few Job's Tear's, (Tradescantia) but want more, and they are to be had in abundance in some places. Also the dainty Phalangium which is probably Camas) that has an edible buib and bears heavenly blue flow-ers about two inches in diameter. Another very useful wildling

is the white Prim-FOUR O'CLOCKS rose, which, in some soils, blooms a delicate pink. There is also a yellow variety but not in my immediate local-ity. The depress of the prime of the pri ity. The flowers are large and borne in great

profusion the entire summer and fall. Sweet Williams, (wild Phlox), are delightfully fragrant and to be had for the digging. I will give them a place north of the house where the refrigerator drain makes a cool, damp spot for they like moisture. Wild damp spot, for they like moisture. Wild Gaillardia likes a poor soil and are plentiful

on clay-cy meadow soil.

I return with all the plants I am able to transplant before dark, and when resting after supper I plan my next day's campaign, for, naturally, everything cannot be accomplished in a single day. There are the

purple Petunias, self-sown, coming up next the scarlet Verbenas, and my! how their clashing colors jarred my sensibilities last summer! They will be removed to congenial neighborhood, near the white Verbenas, across the drive.

And there are so many kinds of seeds yet to be planted! The ground is in excellent condition and will lend itself



SWEET WILLIAM

readily to the pulverizing required; Zinnias, Phlox, Pinks, Marigolds, Cosmos and many more will be planted. The small seed will be sown broadcast and pressed down with a

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I have had them grow from the ground up and to be in full bloom in ten days. They are truly magical. I have transplanted bulbs after the leaves died down, in Summer, and did not lose a bulb, and some even bloomed a month after moving, but I would advise Fall planting.

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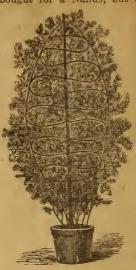
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"Arizona" writes of Climbing Plumosus Ferns—I want to tell you of mine. It was bought for a Nanus, but turned out to be



NG ASPARAGUS PLU-MOSUS FERN

something ferent. It grew so large and thorny that I could not manage it in the house, so I planted it in the ground, on the south side of house, five years ago, and it comes up every spring and grows to 2nd story windows, even to 30 ft. The foliage is green and rough; brown thorns over an inch long all over the plant.

When the hard freeze came, the 8th of Jan., there were two new shoots, 8 ft. tall, 1½ inch in di-

with thorns. Of course both were killed. I covered the roots over with dirt, and expect

it to come up again this spring.

The shoots look like garden asparagus, only much larger and coarser, and are covered with soft thorns when they come out of the ground—the thorns harden in a few days. These shoots usually grow about 15 ft. before they have any foliagent all.

I have any foliage at all.

I have a "Queen's Wreath" near the fern and let it climb with it. It is a constant bloomer and the sprays of pink bells hanging

in the fern call for much admiration.

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Dear Floral Friends: Thanks to our Editor for telling us about the grand Chrysanthemum Show he visited in New York. What a privi-lege to see such a flower display; it must have been a sight never to be forgotten. Now, in return for his kindness, let us tell about our little experiences we have with our plants and flowers to help on others who are only just starting to grow and cultivate them. Today I want to tell you how my Clothilde Soupert Rose changed color, for Clothilde is my favorite house rose. But the color never suited me; it is not white and not pink. So when my old rose bush died, two year's ago, I purchased a fine collection of house roses, including, of course, Clothilde Soupert. It started blooming in February, nine fine blossoms, but the same color, not white or pink. Then I took powdered charcoal and mixed a good lot in the sail, and to my utness surprise the in the soil, and, to my utmost surprise, the next flowers were deep pink. It surely is a grand Rose, a few flowers perfume several rooms. The Bride, a white rose, is a grand winter bloomer, but not so healthy; it is subject to mildow of loost fundament. ject to mildew, at least mine was.

Dear Floral Friends: On page 28 of January Magazine, S. H. C., of Ariz., asks the name of the flower that is called "Grandma's Night Cap". It is Lemon Bell, and classed among old-fashion flowers such as Rose Moss, or Porso beautiful as my Portulaca bed, with at least nine or ten different colors. I notice some have three different colored flowers on only one, little sprig, and fine plants will grow from a tiny slip. Try a bed this year and you will always have Portulaca, for it is self sowing.

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Gladis.

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NOTE. This question is rather too long for the Questions and Answers column, and is so very timely and important that I am giving it greater prominence by publishing it here.

From what our questioner writes I would say these Gladiolus bulbs had not been properly cured; evidently had remained in a pile, with their tops on until they heated, and then began to rot, causing moisture, followed by mould, all depreciating their vitality and paving the way for disease. My advice is that all these bulbs be burned, for fear of contagion.—EDITOR.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

My Calceolarias when four inches high, Cinerarias when six inches tall, died, starting with the lower leaves. I am anxious to grow them from seed, but please tell me what is the matter?—L. V., Wis.

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But when by day the sun shines bright, and moon and stars light up the night, I feel so glad and free! Mine eyes they sparkle bright and brave, (despite my years I misbehave;) and pious folk oft look askance, because I hop and skip and dance, and worship God in glee!

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Hurecorded Lilies, an evasive beauty, is like a gypsy, or a chameleon, whose home was abandoned ere it was located, yet left a trail that was discovered, a Jersey lily of changing colors.

Rose Ash, towering like a church steeple, with a wierd grandeur all its own, reminds one of the ragged edges of a thundercloud partiv veiling the bright rays of the hidden sun.

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FRIENDS' FLORAL FRIENDS

Dear Floral Friends: My first mail in the New Year brought me January number, which I at once read, and now I want to give my experience with Hyacinth bulbs. Mrs. D. A. Riddle's, Texas, article was good, especially about plant pests, but my experience with Hyacinth, old bulbs, is different. A year ago this last Fall I purchased a ten cent Hyacinth and some Crocuses at a greenhouse. put the Hyacinth in the center of a box 7x14 in. and 7 in. deep, put in cellar, as usual, and brought it up after cold weather, as the house we lived in then freezes. When I brought it up I planted Oxalis all over the surface. Hyacinth blossomed and was then set outdoors all Summer just as it was in the box. This past Fall, after the frost had killed the Oxalis, I brought it in, taking out the Oxalis, planted other Fall bulbs around the Hyacinth, removed what old dirt I could without disturbing it, and put in fresh; let rest in the dark from four to six weeks; then kept in an east pantry window, where it is a moderate tem-perature. Now I have a bud coming and I perature. Now I have a bud coming and can see it has four blossoms already, maybe more; will let you know how it turns out. Last Fall I planted a large number of Tulips, Hyacinths, Narcissus and Crocuses in boxes. As we are often moving and must raise them this year I will let you know how these turn out the second year. Sisters, why not gather. out the second year. Sisters, why not gather a supply of wild flower seeds for exchange? We Northern Sisters would be glad to get them, as we have to buy the same thing and could use that money to buy other seeds, or novelties, and have more varieties. How I would like to receive some, as we are not blessed with many here.

Will the Editor please tell us what a Crinum looks like? I have a plant with narrow, upright leaves, long and straight, with flower similar to Amaryllis; also bulb like same. Was given to me for a Sea Onion but a description of Sea Onion, in the Magazine, says a "fifter white flower."

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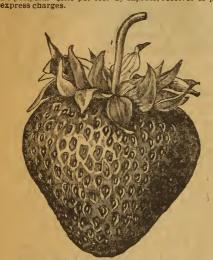
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I have lived in a small town and have raised chickens on a town lot, and had all the eggs and chickens I could eat, and made some extra money too, but, believe me, I did not let them ruin the sight and sale of my home. A few tall growing shrubs, either hardy or annual, such as Castor Beans, Sunflower, etc., with a few vines, made shade for chicks, and hid unsightly spots. Let us urge the work of beautifying the country home, too, and help to ring out the call "back to the farm", which so many are leaving. Amaryllis, Mo.

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and they have increased each year until I think there must be hundreds. Most of them show garnet and yellow markings, or some shade of red and yellow, but the pride of my heart is a soft yellow one, which sends up a large cluster of big flowers and attracts the attention of every one who comes to my garden.
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A. It has probably finished blooming for the present. Gradually withhold water, giving just enough to keep the bulb from shriveling up, and set in the cellar awhile, or at least out of the bright sun, so that it may rest a little.—EDITOR.

Q. How can I grow Gerbera, or Crimson Daisy? I do not succeed.—S. J., Mich.

A. Sow outdoors in early Spring and transplant when seedlings are large enough to handle. Or start in a shallow box, indoors, towards Fall, and transplant to other boxes or pots in December or January.-EDITOR.

Q. My Freesias all grew, but made no flowers. Why?—M. H., Ill.

A. Save them to plant next season; they may possibly have been too young to bloom. -EDITOR.



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Dear Floral Friends: An atmosphere of Summer lingers in our home. I have a small greenhouse filled with beautiful plants, also some in my breakfast room. They consist of Begonias, Sprengeri, Ferns and Geraniums that are in constant bloom. The large trusses of the Gera-niums lend color and cheer to me. They are like my loving friends; I could not live without them.

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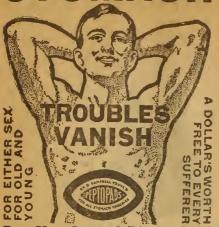
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FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends: I so like to hear from Sister Pentstemon of California. She speaks of Crinum; that is a flower I do not know; nor her namesake, the Pentstemon. I know they both must be very pretty. I want to ask her if through our Floral Corner she will give me some information about them. I would

appreciate it very much.
I have a bed of California Poppies, in two colors, orange and lemon—they self-sow, live out all Winter and are a sight in the Spring when they bloom. People rave about them, though so easy to raise. I am trying to start a perennial bed but have trouble to get some kinds to live. I love also the many varieties of Roses; they seem so much to me like grace of Roses; they seem so much to me have grace given from above, always ready to greet one with that beautiful perfume no other flower can produce. Be patient please, I can scarcely stop when talking of flowers, I do so love them all, even to the lowly weeds when in flower.

Red Amaryllis, N. J.

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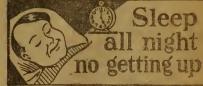
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